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Mr. Roger W. Jones  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

This is in reply to your referral of 8 July 1955, requesting the comments of this Agency on Enrolled Bill S. 669 to provide rewards for information concerning the illegal introduction into the United States, or the illegal manufacture or acquisition in the United States, of special nuclear material and atomic weapons.

In the light of the legislative history of S. 669, and its predecessor which failed of passage in the 83rd Congress, we interpose no objection to the inclusion of the Director of Central Intelligence as a member of the Awards Board created by its provisions, or the inclusion of the Director among those making joint determinations as to whether aliens furnishing appropriate information under the terms of the Act may be admitted into the United States for permanent residence under Section 4 of the bill.

It would appear from the language of Section 6 that the payment of any awards approved by the Awards Board would be made from funds available to the Director of Central Intelligence. As there is no yardstick by which one can presently measure these awards either as to their number or total amount, it is apparent that it will be impractical to budget in advance for their payment. It is also impossible to estimate at this time what additional costs may be entailed for screening or investigating claims overseas for awards under this Act. It is, therefore, necessary to seek the assurances of the Bureau of the Budget that CIA will be authorized to make any necessary payments from its reserve fund, which, it is felt, contemplates contingencies of this type.

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As a matter of principle we would raise some objection to the assessment of the CIA budget for matters over which we do not have direct control. However, in view of the Congressional intent that these awards should be paid, and the nature of the possible source of such information, our objection does not take the form of an adverse recommendation on S. 609. Its approval is recommended.

Sincerely yours,

*(Signed)*

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Legislative Counsel

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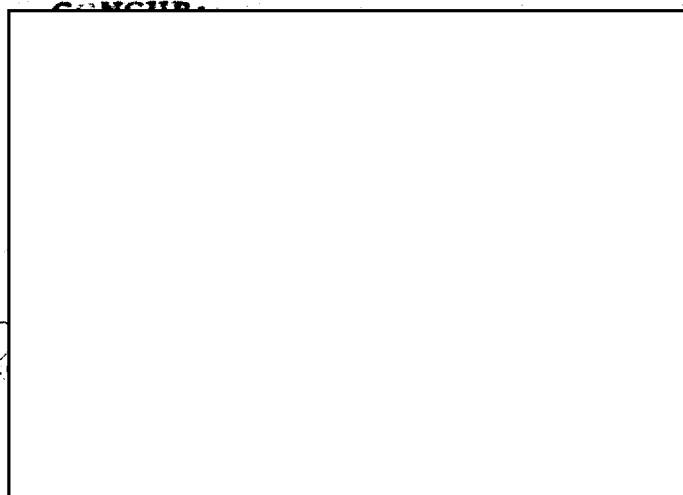
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